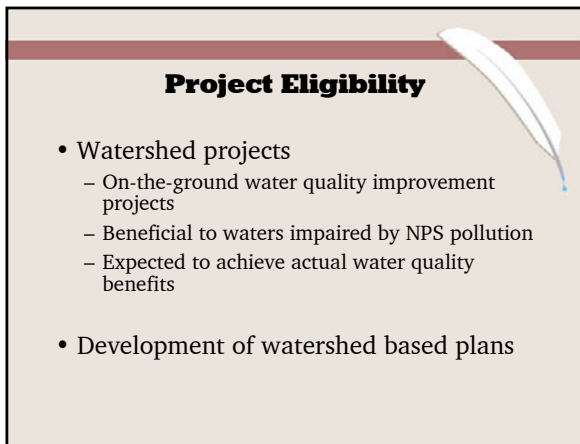


- Key concepts in Tribal NPS Planning Handbook
 - Identify the water quality problem(s) to address
 - Select recommended BMP/Management Measure(s) from the NPS Management Plan
- Guidelines on Awarding CWA Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes
 - Regional Threshold Evaluation Criteria
 - Proposal Evaluation Review Sheet



- Watershed projects
 - On-the-ground water quality improvement projects
 - Beneficial to waters impaired by NPS pollution
 - Expected to achieve actual water quality benefits
- Development of watershed based plans

Proposals must include detailed information which fully address the 2-Step Review Process:

- (1) The proposals must comply with the Regional Threshold Evaluation Criteria before being forwarded on to national competition.
- (2) The proposals are evaluated by the EPA Watershed Project Review Committee using nine evaluation factors.

**Regional Threshold Evaluation Criteria Part I
Essential Workplan Elements**

- Applying for one competitive grant
- Applying up to a maximum budget of \$150,000 of Federal funds
- Provides the required match of the total project cost
- Propose to fund activities related to waters within the reservation

**Regional Threshold Evaluation Criteria Part II
Essential Workplan Elements**

- Description of each significant category of NPS activity to be addressed;
- Work plan components;
- Work plan commitments for each work plan components (anticipated environmental outcomes and outputs);
- Estimated funding amounts for each work plan component;
- Roles and responsibilities of recipient and EPA in carrying out the work plan commitments
- Reporting schedule and a description of the performance evaluation process

Ranking Committee Evaluation Review Sheet

Evaluation Factors	Weight	Score
<i>Rank with score of 0 to 5. (Weight x Value = Score) Maximum score 900.</i>		
The extent, and quality, to which the subcategories of NPS pollution are identified and described.	20	
The extent, and quality, to which the water quality problems or threats to be addressed are identified and described.	20	
The extent, and quality, to which the goals and objectives of the project specifically identify the project location and activities to be implemented.	20	
The extent to which significant water quality benefits will be achieved as a result of the project.	20	
The specificity of the budget in relation to each work plan component.	15	
The level of detail in relation to the schedule for achieving the activities in the work plan.	15	
The extent to which the roles and responsibilities of the recipient and project partners in carrying out the work plan activities are specifically identified.	15	
The extent to which the performance evaluation process include specific, measurable, and objective factors that are clearly linked to specific work plan activities throughout the project period and the anticipated environmental outcomes and outputs.	15	
The extent, and quality, to which the proposal addresses one of the four factors regarding the watershed-based plan and watershed project implementation.	40	

Evaluation Factor #1

- The extent, and quality, to which the subcategories of NPS pollution are identified and described.
 - Identifies sources at the subcategory level with estimates of the extent to which these subcategories are present in the watershed.
 - Example: X number of dairy cattle feedlots needing upgrading; Y rows of crops needing sediment control; or Z linear miles of eroded streambank needing remediation.

Evaluation Factor #2

- The extent, and quality, to which the water quality problems or threats to be addressed are identified and described.
 - Example: Specifically describes the water quality problems or threats in relation to impairments to water quality standards or other parameters that indicate stream health (decreases in fish or macroinvertebrate counts).

Evaluation Factor #3

- The extent, and quality, to which the goals and objectives of the project specifically identify the project location and activities to be implemented.
 - Specifically identifies where the NPS project will take place and the waterbody affected by the NPS pollutants (provides map).
 - Provides details on the specific activities that will be implemented (identifies specific BMPs/Management measures to be implemented).

Evaluation Factor #4

- The extent to which significant water quality benefits will be achieved as a result of the project.
 - Incorporate specific water quality-based goals that are linked to: water quality standards for one or more pollutants/uses; measurable, in-stream reductions in a pollutant; or improvements in a parameter that indicates stream health (e.g., increases in fish or macroinvertebrate counts).
 - If information is not available to make specific estimates, water quality-based goals may include narrative descriptions and best professional judgment based on existing information.

Evaluation Factor #5

- The specificity of the budget in relation to each work plan component.
 - Outlines total operational and construction costs of the project (including match).
 - Provides specifics of the budget in relation to each work plan component.
 - Budget categories may include, but not limited to: personnel; travel; equipment; supplies; contractual; and construction costs.

Evaluation Factor #6

- The level of detail in relation to the schedule for achieving the activities identified in the work plan.
 - Provides schedule of activities for each work plan component.
 - Identifies a specific “start” and “end” date for each work plan component.
 - Identifies an estimate of the specific work years for each work plan component.
 - Identifies the interim milestone dates for achieving each work plan component.
 - Indicates “readiness to proceed.”

Evaluation Factor #7

- The extent to which the roles and responsibilities of the recipient and project partners in carrying out the work plan activities are specifically identified.
 - Clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of each responsible party for each work plan component.
 - Defines specific level of effort for responsible parties for each work plan component.
 - Identifies parties who will take the lead in carrying out the work plan commitments.
 - Identifies other programs, parties, and agencies that will provide additional technical and/or financial assistance.

Evaluation Factor #8

- The extent to which the performance evaluation process includes specific, measurable, and objective factors that are clearly linked to specific work plan activities throughout the project period and anticipated environmental outcomes and outputs.
 - Quarterly Reporting
 - Before and After photos
 - Water Quality data

Evaluation Factor #8 Examples

- NRCS and Environmental Trust will monitor riparian recovery with photo monitoring points. We already have a GPS integrated digital camera that we use for this.
- Environmental Trust will continue to monitor Joe Moses Creek, Buffalo Creek, Rebecca Creek, Owhi Creek, Little Nespelem River, and Peter Dan Creek for turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen, flow, temperature, coliform bacteria, and conductivity. We will have “before and after” data.

Evaluation Factor #9

- The extent, and quality, to which the proposal addresses one of the following four factors:
 - (1) The proposed work plan develops a watershed-based plan and implements a watershed-based plan.
 - (2) The proposed work plan develops a watershed-based plan and implements a watershed project (that does not implement a watershed-based plan).
 - (3) The proposed work plan implements a watershed-based plan.
 - (4) The proposed work plan implements a watershed project that is a significant step towards solving NPS impairments or threats on a watershed-wide basis.

- Your competitive project proposal is now ready to be submitted for competition
- Tribes submit final competitive grant proposals to Region by December 1, 2006
